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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: amendment filed 7/16/2004.

Response to Amendment

2. The reply filed on 7/16/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following matter: The fax of the amendment appears to have malfunctioned during the scanning of pages 13 and 14 of Applicant's response and consequently they are not fully legible. The Examiner has included in this response the fax page received by the Office with the error.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter J Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-4101. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays 7:00am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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